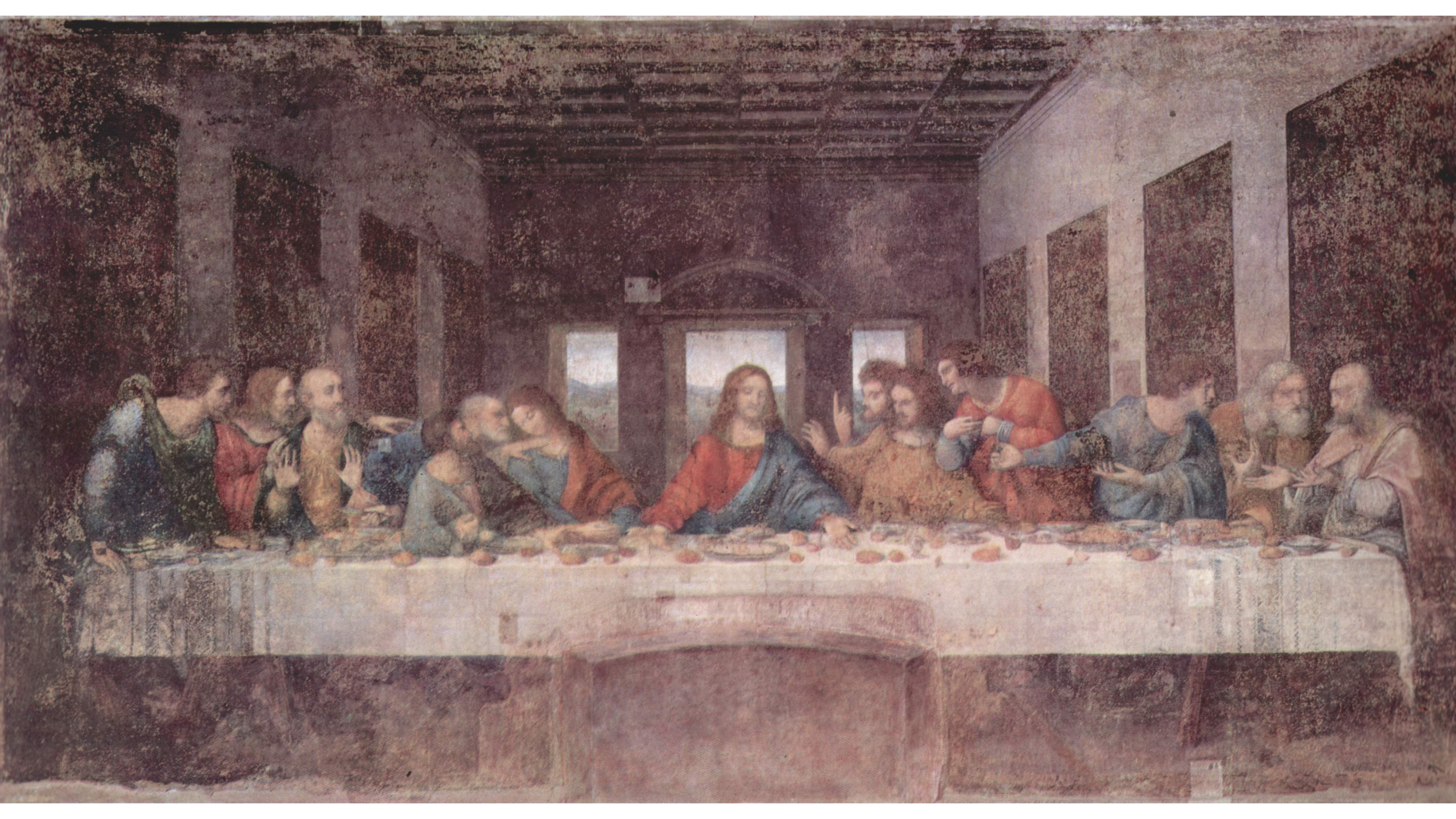




GOSPEL  
OF LIFE

**"Masterpieces of Faith"**  
**Selected Scriptures**















**It's the combination of WHAT you know about the Lord and the APPLICATION of pressure in your life that causes spiritual growth in your faith.**

**Pressure is the key element because it is in these life circumstances where we are challenged to fully trust in the Lord for answers and solutions.**

**In the cases we have before us today the pressure is in the form of desperation for healing.**



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- **The centurion also knew about the military chain of command, and how the orders of one in authority were unquestioningly obeyed and carried out. "This means that the centurion's words presuppose an understanding of the Roman military system... A footsoldier who disobeyed wouldn't be defying a mere centurion but the emperor, Rome itself, with all imperial majesty and might."**

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